

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

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Mission Statement

The mission and purpose of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) is to provide advice and information to, and on behalf of, elected officials, City departments and external customers. The goal of these efforts is to ensure that the City's interests are advanced with international, tribal, federal, state, and regional entities, so that City government better serves the community.

Goals

- Strengthen OIR's ability to recognize and anticipate major trends or opportunities and prepare the City to respond. Design strategies that enhance opportunities presented by changing dynamics in order to better promote the City's interests.
- Foster better understanding of issues by bridging the international, tribal, federal, state, and regional issues among OIR staff and with City departments. Enhance OIR staff's productive relationships with external partners.
- Improve effectiveness, through the above goals, of the City's elected officials and City departments in their external relationships.

Appropriations

Fund/Line of Business (in thousands of dollars)	Summit Code	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund					
Intergovernmental Relations	X1G	1,422	1,482	1,815	1,835
Department Total		1,422	1,482	1,815	1,835
Positions (in Full Time Equivalents)		14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50

Key Performance Targets

- Successfully address major requests (regulations, policies, authority granted, relationships built).
- Generate additional resources for the City.
- Provide customer satisfaction.

Program (in thousands of dollars)	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
Federal and State Relations	711	741	898	912
International Relations	356	371	515	509
Regional Relations	256	267	290	298
Tribal Relations	100	104	111	116
Line of Business Total	1,422	1,482	1,815	1,835
Positions (in Full Time Equivalents)	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50

Federal and State Relations

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Federal and State Relations Program is to provide strategic advice, representation, and advocacy to/for City elected officials and departments on federal and state legislative, programmatic and policy/regulatory actions so that the City's federal and state interests are promoted and protected.

Program Highlights

Continue building coalitions with other jurisdictions and organizations on state legislative issues, and particularly transportation-related issues, in 2001 and 2002.

Increase budget authority by \$20,000 in both 2001 and in 2002 for federal contractual services related to increasing federal funding.

Increase budget authority by \$133,996 in 2001 and by \$136,261 in 2002 to reflect the transfer from Finance General to pay for the City's membership in the following organizations: U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, and Association of Washington Cities.

Partial funding for lobbying contracts, computers, and supplies has been placed in Finance General until the legal issues surrounding Initiative 722 have been resolved. At that time, \$30,000 of funding may be restored to the department through separate Council action.

Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund	711	741	898	912
Program Total	711	741	898	912
Positions (in Full Time Equivalents)	6.96	6.85	6.78	6.78

International Relations

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the International Relations Program is to provide strategic advice and representation to and for the City's elected officials, departments, external partners, and decision makers so that the City's international relations interests are promoted and protected.

Program Highlights

Continue to enhance the exchanges between visiting international delegations and the Seattle community, highlighting the City's Sister Cities Program. Seattle has formal Sister City relationships with 21 cities aroun the world.

Increase budget authority by \$135,669 in 2001 and by \$133,734 in 2002 to reflect the transfer from Finance General to pay for the City's membership in the following organizations: Trade Development Alliance, Siste Cities, World Affairs Council, and Japan-American Conference.

Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund	356	371	515	509
Program Total	356	371	515	509
Positions (in Full Time Equivalents)	3.10	3.13	3.22	3.22

Regional Relations

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Regional Relations Program is to assist City departments and elected officials in developing and implementing effective strategies on jurisdictional issues involving King County, suburban cities, the Port Seattle, the University of Washington, and other regional governmental organizations so that the City's regional interests are promoted and protected.

Program Highlights

Continue coordination efforts with counties, suburban cities, and regional organizations to address on-going regional concerns and priorities.

Resources

Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund	256	267	290	298
Program Total	256	267	290	298
Positions (in Full Time Equivalents)	3.17	3.25	3.23	3.23

Tribal Relations

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Tribal Relations Program is to assist City elected officials and departments in developing and implementing effective strategies on government-to-government relationships with federally recognized tribes so that the City develops and maintains positive tribal relationships.

Program Highlights

Continue to enhance working relationships with tribes through mechanisms such as the protocol agreements the City currently has with the Tulalip Tribe.

Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund	100	104	111	116
Program Total	100	104	111	116
Positions (in Full Time Equivalents)	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27